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SUBJECT: FRG INITIATIVE ON HOSTAGES

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1. WE HAVE REVIEWED WITH FONOFF THE RESULTS OF FRG LOBBYING FOR SUPPORT FOR ITS RESOLUTION AGAINST THE TAKING OF HOSTAGES. THE FRG MADE BILATERAL DEMARCHES IN APPROXIMATELY FIFTY CAPITALS AND TO UN DELS IN NEW YORK. IN THESE DEMARCHES IT SOUGHT SUPPORT BUT NOT NECESSARILY CO-SPONSORSHIP. IT HAS RECEIVED "NUMEROUS" EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT, BUT ONLY CHILE (IN ADDITION TO US) HAS AGREED TO CO-SPONSOR, AND CHILE WAS ASKED TO DO SO ONLY BY MISTAKE.

2. THE MAIN ADVERSE DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN A HARDENING OF POSITION AMONG THE ARAB COUNTRIES. THE FRG IS CURRENTLY DIRECTING ITS LOBBYING EFFORTS AT THREE OR FOUR MODERATE ARAB STATES IN AN EFFORT TO PREVENT A COMMON STAND BY THE ARAB CAUCUS IN NEW YORK.

3. IN THE MEANTIME, THE FRG WILL CEASE LOBBYING IN CAPITALS AND INTENSIFY ITS EFFORT IN NEW YORK. FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER INTENDS TO RETURN TO NEW
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YORK AFTER THE OCTOBER 3 ELECTIONS TO LOBBY IN BILATERAL

MEETINGS WITH OTHER FONMINS. IN THESE MEETINGS HE WILL PRESS FOR CO-SPONSORSHIP.

4. IN SUM, THE FRG IS SATISFIED WITH SUPPORT FROM THE WEST (US AND EC) RECEIVED SO FAR, IS "ENCOURAGED" BY THIRD WORLD SUPPORT, AND CONCERNED ABOUT THE ARAB STATES. IT HAS NOT ASKED FOR INSCRIPTION YET, AND PROBABLY WILL WAIT FOR SUPPORT TO GROW BEFORE TAKING THIS STEP.

5. GENSCHER GAVE A BACKGROUND BRIEFING SEPT. 22 ON THIS SUBJECT WHICH RESULTED IN NUMEROUS NEWSPAPER ARTICLES CLAIMING THAT THE GERMAN INITIATIVE IS PROGRESSING WELL. HE WILL BE ANXIOUS THAT THIS FAVORABLE IMAGE BE MAINTAINED. AS A FORMER MINISTER OF INTERIOR GENSCHER HAS A LONG STANDING INTEREST IN ANTI-TERRORISM MEASURES. AND HE HAS THE ELECTIONS ON OCTOBER 3.

6. EMBASSY APPRECIATES EXCELLENT SUPPORT FROM USUN FOR FRG DEL. THIS INITIATIVE IS THE FIRST MAJOR ONE THE FRG HAS MADE SINCE IT JOINED THE UN. USUN'S EXPERTISE WILL BE A GREAT HELP IN PRODUCING EFFECTIVE LOBBYING IN NEW YORK.
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